



# Castle Heights News

## Fall 2005



CASTLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### *NEEDED: A Mission Statement ~*

*Please submit your ideas, thoughts, suggestions and comments.  
We desire a concise statement that captures the essence of our neighborhood  
and expectations you have of your association. Please email or fax!*

#### **LEADERS NEEDED**

The following projects need someone to spearhead, organize and direct the community program. No experience required, just passion and commitment. Meet neighbors, have fun and do something wonderful for your community!:

1. Tree Planting
2. Website Guru
3. Traffic Czar
4. Neighborhood Watch
5. Block Party
6. Community Meeting
7. Board Member
8. Robertson Improvement

#### **WE'RE BACK!**

After an extended absence, a few good neighbors got together and gave our newsletter a face lift, made it user friendly and updated the content. The newsletter is a vital communication tool for our community, keeping us informed of issues and events. Our goal is to produce the newsletter every two months, but this requires your help. Simply put, we need one of two things: Your Time or Your Money. If you have time, we need a commitment to regularly write a section of the paper and/or deliver it to block captains and/or neighbors. No time, then open up that check book and put some zero's behind a number!

Thank You!

#### **SAFETY & SECURITY, COME AND GET IT!**

by: Kathy Souviron

Imagine having a personal police service, one that can respond when you call. Historically, the cost has kept us from pursuing such a critical service and with an ongoing shortage of city police it has become a need rather than just a luxury. We have discovered an affordable armed patrol service that offers all of the following:

- Armed patrol service 7 days per week, 24 hours per day
- Patrol cars driving through the neighborhood 6 times per day
- Quick Response, when you call they come – no waiting
- Issue Investigation: concerned about loitering, suspicious behavior, a stranger parked in a car, activity at a neighbors home – just call.

If 140 homes sign up, the cost would be approximately \$5.00 per home per month. If 500 homes sign up, the cost drops to \$2.40 per month. Fees would be paid 1 year in advance and the program would be administered by your Neighborhood Association. Please let us know if you are interested by completing the enclosed survey. If you have questions about this service, email me at [hallieso@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hallieso@sbcglobal.net).

### **In This Newsletter**

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**SPECIAL INSERT  
Community Survey**

## CHNA Board Meetings

Meetings are generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at the Castle Heights Elementary Teachers' Lounge on Cattaraugus between Castle Heights and Beverwill. They are open to our community members and deal with neighborhood business. Next meeting dates: October 20<sup>th</sup> ~ November 17<sup>th</sup> ~ December 15<sup>th</sup>

## Castle Heights Elementary School

The Jewel of our neighborhood. With tremendous parent involvement, the school has achieved record attendance from local families. It's an important part of the increasing value of our homes and most important, provides a foundation for our children to continue our history of excellence. With ongoing budget cuts, it's up to us to support the annual funding needs of the school. This year, the goal is \$150,000, which pays for art, music, library and other kid friendly activities, be sure to join us for the following events:

**10/14: Pumpkin Patch:** 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. (\$6 for pumpkins and proceeds go to support CH school children)

**10/22: Fall Festival:** 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. (food and carnival attractions - tickets 50¢ each and proceeds go to support CH school children); contact Gina Polizzi at 977-5671 or ginamama2times@sbcglobal.net

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## Alexander Hamilton High School

Hamilton is so full of diverse programs and events that we do not have room to list all of the events. Please visit their web site or call them for a complete list of events. Tickets for the Performing Arts can be obtained by calling

### **Fall Drama - Frankenstein**

October 27 at 6:00 p.m. (preview); October 28, 29 & November 4, 5 at 7:30 p.m.

### **Fall Musical - Seussical the Musical**

December 1 at 6:00 p.m. (preview); December 2 at 7:30 p.m.; December 3 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

December 7, 8, 9 at 7:00 p.m.; December 10 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### **Yankee Football ~ Open to the Community!**

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## South Robertson Neighborhoods Council / SORO

This volunteer organization is certified by the city and represents our greater community to the city and city service departments. Though the group has struggled to manage itself and become an effective force in representing our concerns, there is no doubt the board members work hard and continue to need our input on issues. We have a community representative that attends the meetings though everyone is invited. Their new web site should be up soon, you can visit SoRo.org for related information and news.

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month in the Hamilton High Cafeteria

## Farmers Markets

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month: Culver City, Main Street (Bagley) just south of Venice!

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month: 18<sup>th</sup> Street (Monte Mar) at La Cieniga!



## **BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME (CARS THAT IS)**

by Kathy Souviron

It's currently a fact of life, as our community expands around us, the traffic within our neighborhoods increases. Overbuilding and traffic was a topic recently addressed at our meeting by a concerned citizen. It was suggested that zoning needs to be "tightened up" so that future redevelopment must consider street infrastructure capacity. This resident has started a non-profit organization, NoWayLA. For more information on this issue, contact NoWayLA@msn.com or call 310-788-3956.

### **St. Regis 300 Room Hotel to become \$3million Condos!**

The ugly duckling of Century City was recently purchased with current plans looking at razing the structure and replacing it with 147 luxury condos. The St Regis stands to the south of the Century Plaza and was originally built in the 1980's. This is in addition to at least three other high density housing projects proposed for Century City. See article above.

## **TREASURES**

- ✓ Fred's Bakery: on Robertson just North of Cattaraugus, exceptional baked goods & coffee.
- ✓ Emiles Hardware: it's been there forever, the dust proves it! On Robertson just North of Beverlywood Blvd.
- ✓ Many Paws: Get those critters a good bath, on Robertson at Olin.

### **ARRIVING SOON!**

Two new reastraunts next to Starbucks on National:

Taco Plus & Sushi Zo

## **REAL ESTATE SALES**

### **LAST 6 MONTHS**

8847 CATTARAUGUS	\$ 479,000
3131 LIVONIA	\$ 510,000
8913 CATTARAUGUS	\$ 515,000
8946 W 25TH	\$ 655,000
8951 HARGIS	\$ 655,000
8920 CADILLAC	\$ 671,000
3102 OAKHURST	\$ 694,000
3100 CARDIFF	\$ 720,000
2649 S BEDFORD	\$ 731,000
8924 OLIN	\$ 743,000
9044 OLIN	\$ 745,000
3016 CARDIFF	\$ 750,000
9019 GIBSON	\$ 750,000
3032 OAKHURST	\$ 755,000
3317 OAKHURST	\$ 775,000
8904 W 25TH	\$ 775,000
8933 DAVID	\$ 775,000
9032 HARGIS	\$ 788,000
9402 HARGIS	\$ 806,500
3036 S BEVERLY	\$ 826,000
9112 BEVERLYWOOD	\$ 835,000
2731 C.H. PL	\$ 905,000
9110 DAVID	\$ 970,000
3237 CALE HEIGHTS	\$ 1,040,000
9726 BEVERLYWOOD	\$ 1,049,000
2639 S BEVERLY	\$ 1,250,000
2953 BEVERWIL	\$ 1,270,000
2402 BAGLEY	\$ 1,300,000

### **Code Enforcement Program**

This program is sponsored and supported by the City of Los Angeles. It empowers communities to combat blight and safety issues through self policing programs. It has been a very successful program for our neighborhood with over 40 cards sent out and a 90% plus compliance rate!

### **THANK YOU NEIGHBORS!**

Marlene Winston is our community leader for this program. If you have an issue on your street you would like addressed, please call Marlene with a brief description of issue and an exact address. She will log in your call and send out a courtesy postcard asking for the owners cooperation with keeping our neighborhood clean and safe. If you have an issue you would like to report, please call her between 9am and 4pm 310-559-8652

### **HELP!**

We are offering students space in our newspaper to advertise student services and community projects. Please submit your brief postings to our email address. Parents, please be sure to provide adequate supervision and guidance for your kids.

### **STUDENT JOB OFFER**

We need a reliable student to take brief minutes at our monthly meetings, type them up and email them to the newspaper editor.

The meetings are monthly between 7 and 9pm.

We offer a local student \$30 per set of completed notes, perfection not required.

### **HOA MEETING WITH MAYOR**

We need one or two community representatives to attend an HOA Coalition meeting with Mayor Vilagerosa. If interested, please email us: October

### **GREEN TIPS: OCTOBER**

By Gary Roberson, Horticulturist - October is a great month to replant many of the faded early spring flowering annuals with cool-weather loving fall & winter plants. Remove the spent plants & leaf litter and add your favorite compost and / or organic foods to amend the soil. Spade well, replant and water very well. Late October is the time to start over-seeding the lawns and repairing the dead and bald spots. E-mail me with questions at gardendude57@thegrid.net



# Contact Information



## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Dial 311 for a FREE directory of city wide services. Here are some frequently used numbers for quick reference:

- 5th District-Councilmember Jack Weiss 213-847-4467
- Abandoned Vehicles 800-ABANDON
- Bulky Item Pickup 800-773-2489
- Commercial Vehicle parked in residential area 800-222-6366
- For Emergencies Dial 911
- For Non-Emergencies 877-ASK-LAPD
- Graffiti Removal 800-611-2489
- Parked Vehicles exceeding time limit 323-906-7973
- Poison Control Center 800-876-4766
- Report Sidewalk Vendors 310-451-5273
- Robertson Library 310-840-2147
- Sidewalk / Pothole Repair 800-996-2489
- SORO Neighborhood Council www.soro.org
- Street Lights Out 213-485-5391
- Vehicle blocking street, driveway, etc. 800-222-6366
- West L.A. Police 310-575-8401

## CASTLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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We represent about 1,200 single-family homes, a few apartments, some businesses, a senior home and a great elementary school. As a volunteer group started in 1979, we have worked steadily to ensure that our neighborhood remains a clean, safe and enjoyable place to live. The borders are Robertson Blvd, 10 Frwy, Shelby, Beverlywood / David. If you receive this newsletter, you live within the association's boundaries and are a member.

## Last Word:

We have not inherited the Earth from our fathers, we are borrowing it from our children"

-Lester Brown

Submitted by: Laurence R. DeMers

## YES, I WANT TO HELP!

Your association is primarily supported by volunteer work, however, funds are required for certain cost and expenses needed to best support the community. We are committed to advancing the causes of our neighborhood and supporting it's residents. Accomplishments have included the Triangle Project, Community Block Parties, Neighborhood Watch, Traffic Medians, Code Enforcement, School Support,

The Newsletter and much more. We collect dues year round, please be sure to keep track of your payments and give as often as you can. As always, we thank each of you that support our endeavors as we could not do it without you!

Annual Dues of \$20 are suggested, more is encouraged and of course any amount is appreciated!

\_\_\_\$1 \_\_\_\$5 \_\_\_\$10 \_\_\_\$15 \_\_\_\$20 \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$1,000 \_\_\_\$100,000 (it's good to dream)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to CHNA, PO Box 642456 ~ Los Angeles, CA 90064-2456